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For: ELECTRIC POTENTIAL)
MEASURING DEVICE AND)
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 3,852,667
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 4,720,682
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,260,567
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,317,152
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 5,357,108
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 5,554,851
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 5,658,698
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 5,673,476
- (9) U.S. Patent No. 5,820,648
- (10) U.S. Patent No. 5,923,637
- (11) U.S. Patent No. 6,020,215
- (12) U.S. Patent No. 6,072,764
- (13) U.S. Patent No. 6,177,800
- (14) U.S. Patent No. 6,337,477
- (15) U.S. Patent No. 6,965,239

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- (16) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0001432
- (17) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0008284
- (18) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0171728
- (19) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0192565

- (20) DE 2715831


Document (20) corresponds to document (7) of the Information Disclosure Statement dated October 17, 2006. An English-language translation for this document is enclosed herewith. The concise explanation of relevance for non-English language document (20) is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English-language translation. See MPEP § 609.

The subject application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a Notice of Allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.


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